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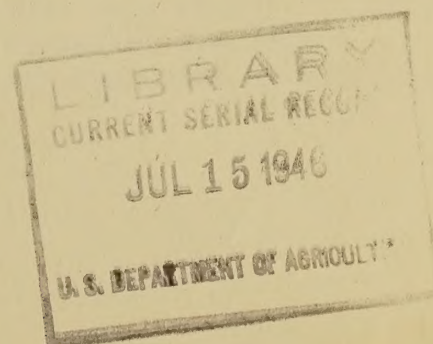
Subject: Nails for Peanut Poles

Because of the steel and coal strikes, production of wire nails in the first quarter of 1946 was greatly curtailed. Production in the second quarter has been materially increased over the first quarter and the industry has stated that further increases can be expected in the third and fourth quarters. However, the demand for nails at this time greatly exceeds the supply.

To assist peanut growers in obtaining a sufficient supply of nails to harvest this year's crop, the Civilian Production Administration and this Department have asked manufacturers who normally produce nails for peanut growing areas to produce a sufficient tonnage in the sizes needed for that purpose for July and August shipments. They have given assurance that everything possible will be done to comply with that request. Shipments will be made to their established distributors and jobbers who normally supply dealers in the peanut growing areas.

Since no priorities are being issued on nails at this time, it is impossible to earmark these nails for a particular end use. Reports indicate that large quantities of nails have been diverted from normal trade channels in peanut growing areas thus making it more difficult for farmers to purchase nails.

It is suggested that State Committees in peanut producing States contact distributors and endeavor to work out a distribution plan covering shipments to local dealers during July, August and September. The result should be made known to County Committees who should contact local dealers in an effort to assure delivery to peanut growers.



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Subject: Construction Interpretations

Exceptions to Standards of Essentiality

Some construction applications for dwellings are being submitted which do not meet the standards of essentiality in Part V of SSM-250 but which should be entitled to special consideration because of the extreme hardship which would result from their denial. In some of these cases the proposed construction does not appear essential to maintain or increase production, nor is it necessary for the proper management or operation of the farm, while in others there is a question whether the location should be called a farm.

If the applicant is a veteran of World War II the construction can be approved by the State Committee without regard to the above conditions. If the applicant is not a veteran the application should be denied except in cases where the State Committee recommends special consideration upon the basis of undue hardship, in which case the application should be forwarded to the regional director for action in the same manner as cases exceeding the \$10,000 limit.

Prefabricated Dwellings

Applications for authority to erect prefabricated dwellings should be handled in exactly the same way as applications for buildings of the conventional type. If in the opinion of the State Committee a rating is justified, the authorization may include an HH rating.

Off-Farm Construction

The Civilian Production Administration may refer applications involving off-farm agricultural construction to the State Committees for recommendations concerning essentiality.

Such applications should be recommended for approval only when it is evident that existing facilities are inadequate to handle an essential commodity. Necessary maintenance and repairs should take precedence over expansion or modernization until materials are in greater production.

